ALCTS Technical Services Directors of Large Research Libraries Discussion Group

Indiana University Round Robin Update – January 2006

Personnel

On October 1st, Pat Steele began a two-year appointment as Interim Dean, replacing Suzanne Thorin who left for her new position as university librarian and dean of the library at Syracuse University.

Carolyn Walters, previously Director of Public Services, was promoted to Executive Associate Dean, replacing Harriette Hemmasi.

Mechael Charbonneau assumed the additional responsibility of Interim Head, E. Lingle Craig Preservation Laboratory effective September 1st.

Between July and December 2005, the Technical Services Department advertised and filled 5 open staff positions (4 FTE). One of the vacant positions was formerly held by Christopher Walker (CONSER/NACO Cataloger) who left for a new position as Serials Cataloging Librarian, Pennsylvania State University.

Local System

We continue to run on Sirsi Unicorn Academe Version 2004.1.4.5. Work has begun on developing a staged roll-out plan to move from the XVT-client to the new Java client in 2006. Because all display screens in the Java client have been redesigned, a substantial amount of staff training will be required. The switch to the new client also means that all macros and locally-developed programs within Technical Services will have to be rewritten. Implementation of Unicorn's uniform title indexing functionality is also on the list of tasks for 2006.

Our federated search software, Sirsi's SingleSearch, went live on the Bloomington campus on July 14th under the local name of "OneSearch@IU." OneSearch was added to the "Find Information" (database) section of the library's web pages. Federated search capability was incorporated into existing lists of databases by subject. A "QuickSearch" page was created within OneSearch to allow users to search in six general interest journal indexes plus the library catalog. A screen was also created for users to select from any of the 109 databases that we currently have enabled for federated searching.

Acquisitions

- The on-going responsibility for SFX maintenance as been assigned to the Serials Acquisitions Unit. This work was previously done by SFX implementation team members.
- A new Dutch approval plan was established with NedBooks.
- The handling of incoming gifts was transferred from the Mono Receiving/FastCat Unit to a new Gifts Librarian position that reports directly to the Director of Collection Development.
- Responsibility for the management of the current periodicals and newspapers shelved in the Wells Library's Kent Cooper Reading Room was transferred from Customer and Access Services to the Serials Acquisitions Unit.

Cataloging

- The Bindery Preparations Unit took over the responsibility of preparing SuDoc monographs for commercial binding. This work had previously been performed by staff in the Government Information, Microforms, and Statistical Services Department.
- The Serials Cataloging Unit participated in a National Serials Data Program (NSDP) pilot program to automate the process of requesting ISSNs for serial titles.
- Cataloging resources continue to be devoted to support the transfer of materials from the various shelving locations on campus to our offsite storage facility. Staff are involved with identifying and creating new MARC holdings records for transferred serials and monographic sets (over 12,000 records during the past few months), performing retrospective conversion, and other types of cataloging maintenance activities.

'IUL' OCLC Holdings Flip Project

A state-wide group was formed to implement prospective cataloging under new, campus-specific OCLC holdings codes as of October 1st. In the past, all cataloging for the Bloomington and six regional campus libraries appeared in OCLC under one holding symbol ('IUL'). As part of this project, a one-time OCLC reclamation project will occur in late December/early January to scan/delete existing IUL holdings information and reset codes to reflect specific campus libraries based on file extracts from our local online catalog. Once this project is completed, the IU holdings information in the new WorldCat Indiana Virtual Catalog view will facilitate user discovery within the state. Completion of the IUL holdings flip project will also provide improved report capabilities with the newly purchased OCLC Collection Analysis tool.

Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians 2006 Annual Conference
Indiana University, Bloomington will be hosting the Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians Conference (OVGTSL) scheduled for May 10-12, 2006. Next year's conference theme will be "Crossroads to the Future."

Task Group Updates
- **Electronic Resources Management System:** The ERMS Task Group submitted its report in October. The group's final recommendations are currently under discussion.
- **OCLC Union List of Serials Batchloading:** Specifications were written for data extraction from our local catalog of MARC holdings records to be loaded into OCLC's Union List of Serials service (LDRUS). We hope to begin loading serial holdings information to OCLC early next year.
- **Future of Cataloging at Indiana University:** The group has explored in great detail the significant issues and trends likely to impact both cataloging and academic libraries in the next 5-10 years and is in the final stages of completing its white paper.

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